

REMARKS

In the Office Action sent on December 16, 2004, the examiner rejected all claims as either anticipated by or obvious in view of Richter, Jr. In response, applicant has amended dependant claim 1 to more clearly distinguish it from the prior art. Applicant has also canceled claim 3, 6 and 8. Because remaining claims all depend from amended claim 1, applicant now believes the application is in condition for allowance.

The Richter, Jr. patent discloses a mattress support that allows for adjustment in the same way that hospitals beds are adjustable. Specifically, it allows mattress to be bent at approximately the location of the knees and approximately the location of the seat. The present invention in contrast allows the vertical position of each of the four corners to be individually adjusted. This allows the mattress to be adjusted such as it is level even when a truck is parked on an angle. Those skilled in the art will appreciate that the Richter, Jr. patent has not disclosed such a device.

The patent to E.C. Dome discloses the use of four cushions. However, the Dome patent only discloses cushions that each have the same amount of air pressure applied to them. In the present invention, allowing different amounts of air pressure to be applied to each cushion allows the mattress to be adjusted such that it is level regardless the angle at which the truck is parked. As those skilled in the art will appreciate there is a substantial difference between the present invention and the cited prior art.

Respectfully submitted,

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